

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the informal drawings filed with the application with the Replacement Drawings submitted herewith.

REMARKS:

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-21 were pending and considered by the Examiner. Claims 4-7 were found to contain allowable subject matter, and claims 1-3 and 8-21 were rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 have been amended, claims 2-4, 11-14 and 17-21 have been cancelled, and new claim 22 has been added. Claims 1, 5-10, 15-16 and 22 remain pending in the subject Application.

Formal drawings were mailed and received by the Patent Office on February 2, 2004. However, it is not clear if the formal drawings have been entered. Thus, formal, replacement drawings are submitted herewith. Entry of the formal drawings is respectfully requested.

The objection to claim 14 under Section 112 is now moot since claim 14 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-3 and 8-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Orita (U.S. Patent No. 6,725,984). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by Orita, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to, now cancelled claim 4. Thus, claim 1 is allowable. The claims depending from claim 1 are allowable for the same reasons applied thereto, as well as for the additional subject matter recited in each.

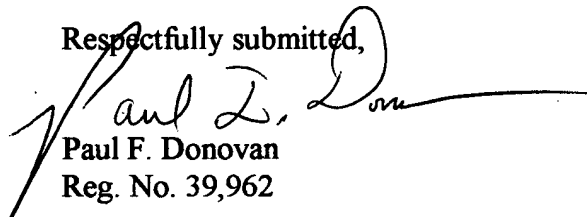
Claim 10 has been amended to more clearly define the structure associated with Figs. 4 and 8. This structure is not shown or describe in Orita. Thus, claim 10 is allowable. The claims depending from claim 10 are allowable for the same reasons applied thereto, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

New claim 22 defines further patentable subject matter not found in the art of record. Thus, claim 22 is also allowable.

No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Reconsideration of the rejected claims and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that can be addressed and expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul F. Donovan", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

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